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SEOUL FOR AMBASSADOR SNEIDER AND DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL
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2. WE HAVE BEEN CAREFULLY CONSIDERING HOW BEST TO BE
RESPONSIVE TO THIS REQUEST IN AN EFFECTIVE MANNER AND AT

THE SAME TIME NOT ENDANGER THE IMPORTANT JUSTICE DEPARTMENT INTERROGATIONS OF TONGSUN PARK NOW ABOUT TO GET UNDERWAY.

OUR PLAN, ON WHICH WE SEEK YOUR VIEWS AND COMMENTS, PARTICULARLY AS TO EFFECT ON KOREAN GOVERNMENT AND TONGSUN PARK COOPERATION WITH BOTH JUSTICE AND CONGRESS, IS AS FOLLOWS:

3. MIDWEEK, EITHER WEDNESDAY OR THURSDAY, DEPARTMENT WOULD DELIVER RESPONSE TO FLYNT/SPENCE LETTERS. RESPONSE WOULD EXPRESS OUR DESIRE TO BE AS HELPFUL AS POSSIBLE TO COMMITTEE'S NEEDS AND WOULD SUGGEST MEETING PROMPTLY AFTER FLYNT'S RETURN TO WASHINGTON OR EARLIER IF DESIRED BY COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS PRACTICAL ASPECTS OF COMMITTEE'S NEEDS AND HOW WE CAN BEST ASSIST. WE WOULD SEEK IN LETTER TO BEGIN TO LAY GROUNDWORK FOR COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION OF SOME OF SAME ISSUES (SUCH AS SCOPE OF INTERROGATION) WHICH WERE SO CRITICAL TO OUR ABILITY TO CONCLUDE THE PRESENT UNDERSTANDING. FURTHER PROGRESS IN FOCUSING ON THE PRACTICAL ISSUES AND STEPS WHICH CAN MAKE FEASIBLE TONGSUN PARK'S APPEARANCE ON THE HILL COULD BE MADE IN THE MEETING WE ENVISION. ON QUESTION OF TIMING, WE EXPECT THAT FLYNT WILL BE RETURNING TO WASHINGTON SOMETIME OVER THIS WEEKEND SO THAT MEETING WOULD PROBABLY TAKE PLACE TOWARD MIDDLE OR LATTER PART OF NEXT WEEK AFTER WE HAVE AT LEAST EARLY IDEA OF HOW INTERROGATION IN SEOUL IS PROCEEDING AND HOPE-
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